

Regular September Meeting  
Monday, September 8, 2025  
High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise* and on  
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## REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

There were 3 administrators and 4 visitors present.

### PRESENTATION

Matt Egan from Egan Supply was present to inform the board on best practices and procedures for maintaining our gym floors. His company handles janitorial supplies and all areas of sports' floors maintenance. He gave the options that are available for our floors including finishes, paint, graphics and stickers. He said the floor manufacturers recommend every 10 years, but it could be from 10-15 years for a sanding and refinish depending on how they have been maintained. His company does refinishing throughout the year, but summer is a favorite time. He gave the pros and cons of water base vs oil base, how trends have changed over the years, difference in gym "down time" between the two, and how lighting and true colors vary with each. Mr. Green spoke of when they were installed/redone and said that we would not want them both done at the same time. Typical maple floors have 5-6 sandings so a gym floor could last 50 years or more depending how they are taken care of. There was discussion about the reasoning behind the 10-year suggestion, certain floors having layers separate, getting it done if it really needs it, and the best times to have it done. Mr. Egan said it's "the one place in the buildings that everyone will see and you want to show it off". Mr. Green said by having each done at a different time it gives the board the opportunity to have the costs in Savings and Depreciation for a later date. Further discussion was about turnaround time being less with water because it takes a shorter time to dry--usually being back on it in 24 hours as stain is 7 days from start to finish. He then gave estimates of the costs. Tony Dowling asked if there was anything different the school can be doing for our maintenance to make the life longer? Mr. Egan said we are doing all that is required and if this has not been done repairs might be needed. Mr. Green and the board thanked him for coming and his time presenting this.

### REGULAR AGENDA

-Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM. Vice President Amanda Schrum was presiding.

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

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-Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Josh Christensen be excused. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted

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

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

-Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda includes: Approval of the Minutes, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Control Budget, Approval of the Food Service Report, Approval of the Final 2024-25 Transportation Report, Approval of the Receipts Report

Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Sevcik and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green reported the end-of-the-year Transportation Report was included.

-Standing Committee Reports: No committees met.

-September Claims: Moved that the claims for September be approved in the amount of \$275,587.95 from the General Fund. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The claims were reviewed by Mr. Green and Ted Welchert. Mr. Green explained the claims from DCW for projector replacements; the yearly Engineering Controls contract bill to check systems, computers and support; Midwest Alarm for the switch from analog phones to cell for our security system notifications; Ray Martin for refrigerator/freezer repairs; ALICAP for the yearly district insurance; and charges for bus inspections. He also explained new regulations mandating that each bus be inspected and certified every 80 days. There was discussion about staggering this over the year, but Mr. Green said each one needs to be every 80 days.

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

-Paraprofessionals Eligibility for 403b: Moved that the Board of Education add a 403b plan for the paraprofessionals with a district match of up to \$400 based on years of service. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. This was brought up and both the Finance Committee and our 403b rep discussed it. They are now able to join but with no match. This was posed to the administration, brought to the committee and decided it would be a good thing.

-Resignation: Moved that the resignation of Sheri Homolka be accepted effective at the end of the current school year. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Sheri will retire after 27 years in the District to see "what's next". She has done a great job and we thank her. An ad will be placed this week or next as it is unsure how many Library Specialists are out there.

-Board Member Reports: Amanda Schrum reported on Fall sports, Homecoming. and that we are almost halfway through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Schleifer was supervising an activity, and his report was noted. Dr. Wemhoff: Reported on completing testing for grades 7-8, mailing the results to parents, and using them to help students get better; upcoming professional development regarding MTSS to better help students in the classroom; dates for the PACT and ACT tests; class rings and graduation attire; Homecoming and all its festivities; October Parent-Teacher Conferences; and

scheduling activities for October which is National Bullying Month.

Mrs. Horstman: Reported on upcoming building events; working on completing safety protocols including fire and tornado drills, and scheduling lockdown and reunification drills; Fall testing is completed and results are going to parents so there is more time at conferences to talk about the students' classes; and attending professional development opportunities including Principal Support Initiative where she will take part in collaboration with other principals, Words at UNL, and MTSS for grade level and Special Education teachers.

- Superintendent Report: Includes Board Goals, Committee on American Civics, a Wrestling Building Update, and a look at the upcoming calendar. The American Civics Committee will meet before the October meeting to fulfill a state requirement, and the Finance Committee will meet to set the parameters for 26-27 Option. The road to the Wrestling Building has been given all the approvals and a gate with a sign will be installed. There will be a second September Meeting on 9/22/25 to have another Budget Hearing at 6:30, to have a hearing to set the tax requests at 6:45 and a special board meeting at 7:00 to pass the motions and resolution to set both the budget and tax asking for 2025-26. This is being done after the information received at the joint public hearing. Mr. Green then asked which members would be going to this and also to the State Education Conference.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM.