

Regular October 2025 Meeting  
Monday, October 13, 2025 7:00 PM  
High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Washington County Enterprise*  
and on [fortcalhounschoools.org](http://fortcalhounschoools.org)

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: President Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 3 administrators and 25 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 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 Claims: Moved that the board of education approve the claims in the amount of \$139,918.77 from the General Fund and \$17,100.00 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. Mr. Green explained the claims of note including All Makes for new chairs which are replaced on a rotation; Arbor Family which is the student support system and billed quarterly; Arlington Schools for our part of the shared OT; Engineered Controls for Elementary HVAC repair and the 25-26 contract; Mahoney for repairs to the sprinkler system at the Elementary; Ray Martin; and Upper Room which is the support system for staff. The claim from Peitzmeier Demolition is for work on building a fire lane at the Wrestling Building.
- Claim from Abe's Trash Company: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Company be approved in the amount of \$882.50. 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. Amanda Schrum asked about some of the monthly reports. They will be sent to the board and put on Sparq.
- Standing Committee Reports: Finance Committee: Josh Christensen reported discussing the Option policies, Elementary handbook changes, purchasing a new van, the wheelchair lift and library renovation at the elementary; selecting a negotiations committee, the State Convention and reviewing the Savings and Depreciation Fund.  
American Civics Committee: Amanda Schrum reported they reviewed Statute 79-724 regarding Social Studies Curriculum and some classes currently being taught; discussed Policy 5004 and 5004R, the Elementary Handbook changes; purchase of a new van, fixing or replacing the

wheelchair lift at the elementary; Elementary Library renovation, upcoming negotiations and assembling the committee, and the State Convention. They reviewed and agreed to continue to review the Savings and Depreciation Fund.

-Policies:

- Policy 5004 Option Enrollment: 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 policy gets a yearly review. Grades 7-12 are at comfortable numbers, but the lower-level primary will be changed from 63 to 60. Even though they are not at capacity, this leaves room for “move ins” if necessary.

- Policy 5004 R Resolution on School District Standards for Acceptance or Rejection Enrollment Applications: 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. Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading 5004R-Resolution on School District Standards for Acceptance or Rejection of Option Enrollment Applications as reviewed and revised to change the K-2 capacities from 63 to 60. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline date has been added to both.

-Revisions to the Elementary Handbook: Moved that the Elementary Handbook be revised to reflect the current HAL program and K-6 athletic participation in school programs. 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. In working on our Rule 10 visitation our HAL program was updated with Mrs. Roberts and the athletic statement "K-6 cannot participate in interscholastic competitions" was added.

-Purchase of a New School Van: Moved that the board of education instructs the administration to purchase a Ford 2026, X9C 350 Medium Roof Passenger AWD van. The price is \$63,165.00. 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 van will be in compliance with new federal regulations and it will round out our fleet. The price includes Woodhouse removing the extra seat to comply with the passenger number regulation. It was asked about getting the seat back and we will not. Not sure where it will go.

-Board Member Reports: Ryan Sevcik commended all for a great start to Fall and congratulated the seniors in attendance on their performances; Tony Dowling and Cassie Kelly echoed the sentiments. Josh Christensen thanked all the kids for coming and invited them to come more often.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Schleifer was supervising an activity; his report was noted. Dr. Wemhoff reported an upcoming reunification drill for grades 7-12; activities and speakers for Bullying Awareness Month; Parent Teacher Conferences with guests from Education Quest for parents' information on the FAFSA and EF Foreign Exchange Program; 7<sup>th</sup> grade seminar again sending boxes to service people overseas, and the Veteran's Day Program. To be in compliance with State Statute, he explained one of the graduation requirements is taking a course in personal finance. Fort Calhoun is in compliance and he listed the items that need to be and are covered by our students. In addition to the required classes, Fort Calhoun also offers elective classes for financial literacy. He concluded listing upcoming events.

Mrs. Horstman highlighted upcoming events including the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Celebration-Learnin' the Ropes; that the elementary was again granted through RIF and Dollar General a book allocation of 1723 books that students will be able to select to be picked up in second semester; and attending Words professional training and the NeMTSS Conference which provided strategies to increase writing skills, to improve reading and behavior supports for students by creating a positive environment through compassion and empathy, and by connecting and solidifying procedures.

-Superintendent Report: Mr. Green reported on Board Goals; upcoming negotiations and scheduling a date for the initial meeting and the superintendent evaluation instrument will be distributed to be returned and compiled by President Christensen. A change in the process is that superintendent evaluations now can be discussed in committee. There will be a Rule 10 compliance visit which he thanked Mrs. Horstman and Miranda Adams for all their work on getting this together. Elementary Art was one area that was needed and this has happened starting this year. They went through the pages of compliance items, gathered proof for our reasoning and then put it all together. All members are registered for the NDE conference and he will move forward with purchasing the van. He also reported the wheelchair lift has been fixed and it is "good as new". The Elementary Library will be done "in house" this summer.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.