

Regular November 2025 Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Washington County
Enterprise* and on fortcalhounschools.org

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 3 administrators and 13 visitors.
- 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: 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
- American Education Week 2025: So noted.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of Claims --The Claims have been updated. Moved that the claims for November be approved in the amount of \$150,953.26 from the General Fund, \$127,820.00 from the Bond Fund, \$1,550.00 from the QPC Fund and \$8,682.37 from Savings and Depreciation. 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 noted bills from ESU #3 for our annual coop purchase of supplies; the stipend from General to the Activity Fund; supplies to refinish the gym floors in the summer; OPPD being 2 months due to the early meetings; HVAC repairs in all buildings; vehicle inspections from 3 Manns at \$350 per bus and \$150 per van that are mandated by the state every 80 days; and the purchase of a new laminator for the elementary. There was a question about the vehicle inspections and it is year-round even in the summer months.
- Claim for Abe's Trash: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash be approved in the amount of \$1,509.50. 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 Sevcik, Passed.
Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea
- Standing Committee Reports: No committees met.
- Policies 3058-Naming School Facilities and Property, 4002-Drug Free Workplace, 4003-Drug Policy Regarding Drivers, and 4004-Employment of Relatives, Domestic Partners and Significant Others: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and affirm on second

reading Policies 3058-Naming School Facilities and Property, 4002-Drug Free Workplace, 4003-Drug Policy Regarding Drivers, and 4004-Employment of Relatives, Domestic Partners and Significant Others as reviewed and being recommended. 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 said these are part of the board's continuous policy reviews and there are no changes. They are in line with KSB, our policy legal advisors. The naming guidelines were initiated in 2021 with the expansion of the buildings/grounds; the drug free workplace is self-explanatory; drivers and random drug testing is handled for us through MCH and in addition if there would happen to be an accident, the driver will be immediately taken from the scene to the hospital for an additional test; and 4004 is a review of our hiring practices.

- Addendum to Original September 22, 2025 Meeting-Date of Original Meeting; September 22, 2025-Date of Addendum: November 10, 2025-Purpose: Allocation of transfer from General Fund to Depreciation Fund: Moved that the board of education add an addendum to the September 22, 2025 board minutes to indicate the approval for a transfer of \$248,001 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund for the 2024-25 fiscal year as discussed and agreed upon at that time. The funds are to be utilized in the Depreciation Fund for vehicle acquisition and athletic facilities improvements in the amounts of \$70,000 and \$178,001 respectively. 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 came from the audit and has always been done, but now the exact designations for the money are necessary.

- Reallocation of Available Cash: Moved that the Board of Education approve an interfund cash transfer as presented of \$39,922 from the QCPUF Fund (09) to the Bond Fund (07) effective 11/11/25. 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. This was an error on the books caught in the audit.

- 2024-25 Audit: Moved that the audit of all funds for 2024-25 be approved as presented and discussed. 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 audit stated "the financial statements present fairly" the activities, business and each major fund of the District. Mr. Green pointed out the deficiencies including preparation of financial statements with personnel not having qualifications needed to complete them and the risk involved. Their recommendation is for management to monitor the risk associated versus cost or other considerations; internal controls which is not unusual or unavoidable in a school our size and number of personnel; and segregation of duties which also is not unusual or unavoidable in a school our size and number of personnel. The recommendations are to continue to monitor and review the financial procedures as adding staff is not practical. Bank reconciliations, adjustments and oversights due to lack of training or in accounting procedures was another area cited and the recommendation is to reconcile all bank accounts monthly and any "adjustments or corrections should be posted on a timely basis to ensure that financial data" is complete. The administration will make sure this happens.

- Superintendent's Evaluation: Josh Christensen compiled the evaluations from the board members' performance appraisal. Areas included continued student success; high performing personnel; efficient and effective use of resources and safe learning and working environment; and clear, accurate, responsive transparent communication and positive parent and community

partnerships. He said there was positive feedback with no concerns or “needs improvement”. Good and timely communication, quality staff, keeping up with staffing needs, fiscal responsibility, professional relationships, handling challenges, strong leadership, transparency, and appreciation of care given to students, staff and board were areas all noted. In conclusion he said “thank you”. Mr. Green thanked the board for their support.

- Board Member Reports: Ryan Sevick said the Great Race “was a blast”-didn’t win but fun. Tony Dowling also said it was a great time and congratulated Will Dennis on achieving Eagle Scout. Amanda congratulated all Fall sports and activities on all the successes they achieved.

- Administrator Reports

- Dr. Wemhoff was supervising an event and his report was noted.

- Mrs. Horstman reported on upcoming building events including a Veteran’s salute with students bringing photos of their loved ones, Little Pioneers Playgroup to get eyes on the “kiddos who may be coming”, and that 35 Student Council members were chosen out of the 80 that applied. 98% of the K-6 grade students were able to attend the quarterly celebration with the preschool earning an obstacle course at that time. There were 99% of the families scheduled attending Parent-Teacher Conferences, and the elementary is planning for Winter testing.

- Mr. Schleifer reported that the “Fort” has never had this much success in our Fall sports; he highlighted the Conference selections and said All State, All District, and All Area will come at the end of the seasons. In conclusion he listed the dates that Winter Sports seasons start, the Winter Sports Parents Meeting on November 16th and Winter sports pictures being on November 22nd.

-Superintendent Report: Board Goals, Negotiations, Veterans Day Program, Library Position Update, State Education Conference. Goals will be discussed with updates coming in January, a second negotiations meeting is scheduled, thanked Skills USA for always sponsoring a great Veterans Day program, having interviewed a candidate for the Librarian position but it was declined, and the upcoming State Education Conference. He also said the committees will meet before the December meeting. He thanked them for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the president adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.