

Regular December 2025 Meeting
Monday, December 8, 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 3 visitors present
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.
- Excused Absences: There were none, all present
- Roll Call: Christensen, Present; Dowling, Present; Kelly, Present; Schrum, Present; Sevcik, Present; Welchert, Present.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda 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

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of Claims: Motion to approve the Claims as presented in the amount of \$101,808.38 from the General Fund, \$730,835.77 from the Bond Fund and the final Gym Lease payment of \$221,961.41 from the Building Fund. 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. Mr. Green and Ted Welchert met before the meeting to go over the bills. Amanda Schrum asked about the Shaw, Hull, Navarrette bill. Mr. Green explained it was the auditor's bill. Cassie Kelly asked if that was the final bill from them. Mr. Green said hopefully. Mr. Green pointed out the Bond payment and the final elementary gym lease bill.
- Claim from Abe's Trash Service: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Service be approved in the amount of \$1,509.50. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea
- Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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: American Civics was explained by Amanda Schrum, basically summarizing the topics. Josh spoke to the Finance meeting which was essentially the same information plus a little history on the building fund and potential plans for future projects.
- Accept the Negotiated Agreement with Certified Teaching Staff for 2026-27: Moved that the board of education accept the negotiated agreement with the certified staff for 2026-27. 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. Mr. Green said the two main points were the \$500 increase to the base pay and a two year phase in of a 15 th step. There were some language clean ups and a stipend for teacher orientation. Josh thanked the Board Negotiation Committee and the FCEA for their work.
- Superintendent Contract and Salary: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Jerry Green, Superintendent for 2026-27 with the salary as noted in it. 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.

Josh Christensen spoke about the good job that Mr. Green does and that the Board was happy to sign him to another contract. The Board members looked at data on where Mr. Green “lined up” in the conference with years of experience, student and staff count, along with AQuESTT classifications.

- Resignation: Moved that the board of education accept the resignation of Samantha Erickson at the end of the 25-26 school year. 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. Wemhoff said that Mrs. Erickson has decided to stay home with their baby after it is born. She has been with the district for 10 years and has done a good job with our choir programs. Mr. Green noted she is also an alumni and that she will be missed.

- Access to the Schools' Surveillance Cameras Information: Moved that the board of education allow the Washington County Sheriff's Office access to the schools' surveillance cameras information. 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 was approached by SRO Byelick to see if WSC Department could be granted access to the schools cameras so the in the case of an emergency they would have real time access to what was happening in the school. Mr. Green mentioned that the other two schools in the county allow this. There were some questions around security of the camera's access and if an MOU would be developed and signed. Mr. Green will work with WCS Department to make sure all concerns are addressed.

- Board Member Reports: Tony Dowling gave best wishes to everyone as we wind down to the holiday break. It is a very busy time of year. Amanda Schrum said she is ready for winter sports seasons and appreciates all the work that goes into making everything run smoothly.

- Administrator Reports: Mr. Wemhoff gave a summary of his report including NDE State of the Schools and our ratings; the success of the MCC blood drive, work being done for Prom/Post Prom; and upcoming activities including Winter Break.

Mrs. Horstman also gave a summary including upcoming December events, January 5th being the first day back from vacation for Teacher Inservice; success of past events including the Thanksgiving Feast which served 786 people; Weingaertner's welcoming their 2nd daughter; and upcoming leaves and which subs are taking their places.

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

- Superintendent Report: Mr. Green commented on putting together an Ad Hoc committee to research the time special education teachers are using outside the school day to host IEP meetings. The committee will also research if any other districts are compensating special education teachers for this time. This committee came out of negotiations. Mr. Green will work with Derrick Blomstedt to get a request for proposal for the purchase of a new bus in January or February. He also commented on an upcoming legislative conference and the beginning of the legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.