

Regular January 2026 Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026 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 7:00PM. There were 4 administrators and 3 visitors present.

-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 Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Board Members May Make Declaration for the Record of Any Conflicts of Interest per Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Laws: Josh Christensen stated he is an owner of Abes Trash, one of the District's vendors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

-Election of President: Amanda Schrum nominated and Cassie Kelly seconded Josh Christensen as president. There were no further nominations. Josh Christensen was elected on a unanimous 6-0 vote.

-Election of Vice President: Josh Christensen nominated and Ryan Sevick seconded Amanda Schrum as vice president. There were no further nominations. Amanda Schrum was elected on a unanimous 6-0 vote.

-Election of Secretary: Amanda Schrum nominated and Josh Christensen seconded Cassie Kelly as secretary. There were no further nominations. Cassie Kelly was elected on a unanimous 6-0 vote.

-Election of Treasurer: Amanda Schrum and Josh Christensen nominated Tony Dowling as treasurer. There were no further nominations. Tony Dowling was elected on a unanimous 6-0 vote.

-Oath of Office: The Oath of Office was noted and recognized by all board members.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD AND REGULAR JANUARY 2026 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 \$144,334.08 from the General Fund and \$13,657.22 from Savings and Depreciation. 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 and discussed the claims. Mr. Green noted those from Arbor Family's quarterly bill, our contract with Arlington for OT services, BOUND-the new scheduling program, Boys Town for a new preschool student tuition; Calhoun Oil for several months of fuel for vehicles; Country Tire, the installment for athletic support, OPPD, SPARQ for the annual fee, the auditor for revisions to the AFR, the periodic mandated bus inspections, new basketball rims and cabling, replacing systems on bus cameras, and a new snow plow.

-Claim for Abe's Trash: 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: 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

-Set Regular Board Meeting Day and Time: Moved that the Regular Meetings of the Fort Calhoun Board of Education be held at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. 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

-Designate the District Official Newspaper for Publications: Moved that the *Washington County Enterprise* and the *Daily Record*, when needed, be designated as the official newspapers for the Fort Calhoun School District. 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

-Designate District's Legal Counsel: Moved to designate the attorneys of KSB School Law of Lincoln, Nebraska as district legal counsel. The District reserves the right to use the legal counsel of Nebraska Association of School Boards, as may be needed. 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. KSB has been the legal counsel since their inception and do a very good job. There are times when NASB has also been used for legal advice.

-Board Authorization for Superintendent Actions: Moved that the Board of Education authorize and grant the superintendent or his designee, authority to represent the District in all matters relating to local, state and federal programs and funds. 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

-Appoint an Executive Secretary: Moved that Rose Tinkham be appointed as the Executive Secretary for the Fort Calhoun School District. 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

-Selection of Bank Depository for District Funds: Moved that WCB, Blair and Fort Calhoun Nebraska be designated as the depository for all School District #3 accounts for 2026. 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

-Committee Assignments 2026: Committees will remain the same. They are: -American Civics/Facilities, Grounds and Transportation—Amanda Schrum, Tony Dowling and Ryan Sevcik -Finance/Technology are - Josh Christensen, Ted Welchert and Cassie Kelly.

-Standing Committee Reports: Civics-Amanda Schrum reported on discussing Baseball/Softball field maintenance, registration for 2026 board elections, personnel updates, the Elementary Library/HAL room project, mobility of students with high level needs, upcoming discussion on classified staff and administrator pay, and a review of the action items for the January board meeting.

Finance-Josh Christensen reported the Finance Committee covered the same topics.

-K-12 Library Media Specialist: Moved that the Board of Education extend a contract to Morgan Thoene as the K-12 Library Media Specialist beginning the 2026-27 school year. 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 we are fortunate to get her. She has 4 years at OPS and 4 at Gretna and would like to get to a smaller district.

-Resignation: There was not action on this motion.

-Board Member Reports: It was stated that both students and parents were excited to have school back in session.

-Administrator Reports:

Dr. Wemhoff reported on a student teacher to be here 2nd semester with Junior High Social Studies; professional development focusing on MTSS and AQUESTT and setting goals for students. Along with this he had a graph showing how the Eligibility List has shrunk because of these activities; January 14th is “I Love Public Schools Day”, and upcoming events including the Junior High Spelling Bee, honor bands and choirs, a Junior High dance, and Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mrs. Horstman reported on upcoming events including the Elementary Spelling Bee and Preschool Wee Screens; academic achievements from Winter testing including Reading, ELA and Math; behavior data including the quarterly celebration and drops in Think Sheets and bus write-ups; a new para, HAL students again participating in Future Cities Competitions at ESU; and having students run expectations stations for school-wide student behavior expectations.

Mr. Schleifer reported on all Winter activities and all their accomplishments, hosting the B2 Boys Wrestling Districts on February 14th, and also highlighted upcoming activity dates.

- -Superintendent Report: Mr. Green gave a review of the past 6 months for attaining the Board Goals. The Technology Director is doing a good job, is eager to learn our systems, has good ideas for the program, staff has good things to say about him, and the District is extremely satisfied with him and his work. The new financial system is finding efficiencies in HR and accounting and it is going well. Our staff and “people come first” shows up in all we do. And we recently had our Accreditation Rule 10 visit and the District passed, showing continuous improvement in all areas including communication.

He also reported on an upcoming college fair at Midland, and gave an update on the legislature with 131 bills and resolutions being introduced on the first day. Public Hearings will begin on

1/20 and he will keep the board updated in the next several months. In speaking about Option Enrollment, there is a push to eliminate all barriers except capacities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session may be conducted for personnel matters when it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual to continue to hold a public discussion on a topic.

-Moved that the board of education enter into Executive Session for personnel matters clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual to continue to hold a public discussion on a topic. The board entered Executive Session at 7:37 PM. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

The board returned to regular and open session at 7:57 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and with consent of the board, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.