

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 12, 2018 7:00 PM  
Jr-Sr High School Library  
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 visitors present.

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

Excused Absences

Roll Call: Mike Bonacci, Present; Mike Conrad, Present; Jon Genoways, Absent; Robin Kister, Present; Kim Lukasiewicz, Present; Kelli Shaner, Present

Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Absent, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

## PRESENTATION Jill Shields and Students-Math Curriculum Course Offerings

Jill Shields, Isaiah Reed, and Connor Linnenbrink presented new Math curriculum through Metro CC that is in place for this year and will expand for next year. She presented a chart of Math sequencing which will allow our students to take dual enrollment classes which allow any career/school track the opportunity to attain college credits for their degrees. This program will consist of 6 courses-the most in any school in the metro area except for Millard who have 6 spread over their 3 high schools. Connor said his Modular Math class is geared toward his construction-trade degree at Metro. Isaiah is in the same class but only a Junior at this time. Mrs. Shields said we are part of a Metro pilot program for this Modular Math class and the tuition for all students in this class is funded through a grant from the Kiewit Foundation. It is an online program and students can work and finish at their own pace, but must be accepted to Metro's Academy in order to participate. These courses along with our Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry will fulfill our Math requirements, have non-engineering students' college math finished by Junior year, and also leave students with time to attain credits in the higher Math courses needed for certain careers we offer through MCC such as Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Statistics \*(coming in 2018-19), Trig and Calculus. We have enough hours per class period here to offer Calculus as a semester course and still have a slot for students to take Statistics.

Genoways arrived at 7:12 PM.

Certain schools may not accept dual enrollment credits. Dr. Johnson said our Rule 10 visitation team commented positively on the number of Math classes we offer in a school our size.

## REGULAR AGENDA

Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.

Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for March be approved as presented in the amount of \$95,287.80 from the General Fund and \$24,526.00 from Savings & Depreciation passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Mike Conrad. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion on the Reading conference attended by 3 of our elementary teachers.

Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Standing Committee Reports: FG&T/Finance: Jon Genoways reported on the meeting giving the current state of the 2017-18 budget stating that with the Elementary Project coming in under budget and the positive cash flow, they discussed and are recommending going ahead with some of the auxiliary projects. He stated the elementary project items still needing attention are the water drainage into the building; temperature control in the kitchen office; and that the cafeteria floor replacement has been completed. The auxiliary projects being recommended are: Elementary projects being recommended-motion sensors on hallway lights; evacuation maps; HVAC Allerton sensors; service contract for HVAC system; electrical plan labeling; preschool playground fencing; security cameras in hallways; landscaping and plantings; grounds sprinkler system; and new Science Curriculum. One item still being discussed and researched is the stage area-music room clean up and possible remodel. At this time it might be prudent hiring an architect to look at it for the best solution before we decide on any permanent fix. Other items being recommended are band uniforms, adding a lean-to to the Maintenance Building and acoustical panels for the Shop. The committee also is recommending a 3% total increase for classified staff salaries and request the administrators' salaries be tabled until more information can be obtained; purchase of a new bus and maintenance pickup to replace the maintenance van; and discussed, but is not recommending at this time, constructing a sand volleyball pit. Other items discussed included landscaping, not parking by the shop and gym exit doors, and options for communications. President Shaner called attention to the Technology Report.

2018-19 Calendar: Moved that the calendar for 2018-19 be approved as presented passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The E&A Committee is recommending this 2018-19 calendar for full board approval. Dr. Johnson said it has been reviewed by instructional leaders, the PFE, administrators, and office personnel, and feels like its good. Last year we started earlier to accommodate finishing the elementary project. There was a question about having Spring conferences on holidays and church nights and Mr. Green said we have had a gradual overall drop over the past years with always a drop in the Spring. The elementary had a slight decrease this year but why? . . . possibly the dates are the reason. The calendar moves every 7 years so we will start a new cycle for 19-20. There was discussion about snow days, but Dr. Johnson said we're in good shape because of hours, though are having to make up some preschool time.

Hiring of Staff--Elementary Teacher: Moved that Sarah Ebner be employed as an elementary teacher beginning with the 2018-19 school year passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Sarah has taught two years in the OPS system and has taught both 2nd and 4th grade in her previous school. She will bring a lot of good to the classroom and is excited to come to Fort Calhoun. She is the right fit for us and will be extraordinary on our team.

Approval of Classified Salaries for the 2018-19 School Year: Moved that the Board of Education approve the classified staff salary raises for the 2018-19 school year not to exceed a total of 3% passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The Finance Committee is recommending a raise not to exceed 3% for the Classified staff after considering the results of a conference survey. Two years ago this was higher to be comparable, but this keeps us in line with our peers.

Approval of Administrative Salaries for the 2018-19 School Year: Moved that the Board of Education table Administrative Salaries until a later date passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Board Member Reports: Mike Conrad was in a meeting with Representative Don Bacon who asked about voucher systems. Having experience on both sides of the question, Conrad told him that Fort Calhoun is diligent about being prudent with spending and said it would be a critical mistake if it came our way. Robin Kister is excited for Spring and baseball and track. Jon Genoways added to the Finance Committee information about traffic flow on Lincoln Street at dismissal and requests a remedy be studied. Kelli Shaner

said the elementary school was listed as the #1 Elementary in Washington County on the website Niche, and Mark Welsher commented from the audience that the high school was “right up there too”.

#### Administrator Reports

Mr. Green: Reported on Parent-Teacher Conferences and the downward trend in attendance the past 4 years having more foot traffic but less families; upcoming Prom/Post Prom; Art field trip to the TAC Building to see State Art Award winning pieces and to KANEKO; sending our Jr Hi Science teacher to a conference on the new Science standards and 3 dimensional teaching in conjunction with them; there is a lot of testing this time of year beginning with ASVAB in February, NWEA to begin on 3/14, ACT State Assessment on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the NSCAS the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wagner: Reported on the fast pace the adoption of a new Science curriculum has taken after partnering with ESU#3 and being comfortable with their processes to insure this process will be the best and align to standards; Dr. Seuss Week and the “Be Kind” theme used in their activities; 94% of the families attending Parent Teacher Conferences; the Book Fair being a huge success with almost \$6,000 sold; Morning with Mom; having Mrs. Omer back in the classroom with her unique energy; having the 3 teachers that attended the Reading conference share what they learned with everyone at inservice; and upcoming events including preschool enrollment, the Talent Show and Kindergarten Roundup.

Mr. Wemhoff: Attended the NSIAAA Awards Luncheon for AD’s to share experiences and ideas; doing scheduling for the Summer and next year; Academic All State and Conference Awards for Winter Sports; and upcoming events including the first Spring contests and Prom/Post Prom. He gave the Booster Club a big thank you for their support of all athletics especially this year for Spring Sports, and said that Quiz Bowl was a fun activity to watch as they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Conference.

Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: The schools will have more instruction and evacuation and barricading drills still this year. The District is in full compliance of Rule 10 and the team said it is the most organized visitation they have had in a long time. Their recommendations are either completed or being completed. The Food Service review received rave reviews, and out of the 4 corrective actions received 2 are done and 2 more will be complete by the 4/3/18 deadline. Barb Moriarty and those involved did a great job. Dr. Johnson attended a conference on immigration and poverty for information as Fort Calhoun now has a poverty level of about 21% based on lunch benefit information. He attended to make sure we’re doing what we need to do to improve in these areas. Our intervention program at the elementary is one way we are working on this and suggestions were made about segregating test scores information to highlight other needs for improvement. The Federal Grant Coordinator came to review our IDEA program to make sure our reporting is actually what we are doing and it went well. Lastly Dr. Johnson will be attending NRCSA an organization for small schools, and is thinking about them rather than the Metro organization. We are more inline with Metro Superintendents’ demographics, but will see what good things they can offer. He called attention to the Legislative Update.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.