

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020 7:00 PM
Media Center of the Secondary Building Box 430

Mike Bonacci: Present, Mike Conrad: Present, Jon Genoways: Present, Kim Lukasiewicz: Absent,
Amanda Schrum: Present, Kelli Shaner: Present

ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 visitors.

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: President called attention to the Open Meeting Laws.

-Excused Absences: Kim Lukasiewicz is attending the Conference Honor Band and will be late.

Motion by Amanda Schrum and seconded by Kelli Shaner to excuse the absence of Kim Lukasiewicz.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Absent, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea.

-Kim Lukasiewicz arrived.

Roll Call: Mike Bonacci: Present, Mike Conrad: Present, Jon Genoways: Present, Kim Lukasiewicz: Present, Amanda Schrum: Present, Kelli Shaner: Present

-Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mike Conrad and seconded by Amanda Schrum to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

-Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.

-Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for March be approved in the amount of \$114,516.06 from the General Fund, \$2,340.68 from the Building Fund and \$85,459.07 from Savings and Depreciation with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There were questions about General Business and Board of Education expenses.

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

Standing Committee Reports: Finance & Technology met and discussed the Elementary gym/4 room addition moving the completion date up from 18 months to 12 months. There were discussions about land acquisition for parking and meeting with Mayor Robinson about same: administrative transitions and salaries: a change in preschool tuition to \$140 per month and acquiring a new four wheel drive vehicle for them: and updating the website: upgrading the security cameras and system; and the upcoming Raising Kids in the 21st Century seminar.

-Contract for New Superintendent: Moved that Mr. Jerry Green be given a contract as Superintendent of Schools to begin July 1, 2020 with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second By Kim Lukasiewicz.

The contract has been updated with language from our legal advisors to align it with the current practices regarding the 125 Plan and tax shelter benefits, transportation reimbursement, vacation language to encourage taking it, association dues, and clarifying health care reporting. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Resignations: Moved that the resignation of Dorothy Young be accepted at the end of the 2019-20 school year passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Amanda Schrum.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Moved that the resignation of Robin Larsen be accepted at the end of the 2019-20 school year passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
These two teachers represent several decades of instruction to Fort Calhoun and are thanked for their contributions to our students.

-Hiring of Jr-Sr High Principal: Moved that Nick Wemhoff be offered a contract as Jr-Sr High School Principal beginning July 1, 2020 with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Amanda Schrum. Lukasiewicz said our administrators will make an excellent team. Mr. Green said he felt Mr. Wemhoff was ready and would be a great part of the transition. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Assistant Principal/Activities Director: Moved that Andrew Christensen be offered a contract as Assistant Principal/Activities Director beginning July 1, 2020 with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Mr. Green said there was a great group interviewed and Mr. Christensen stood out as he is passionate about taking the next step and helping to move our programs to the next level. Christensen's are exploring housing and planning to move into the District. There was discussion about administrators living in the District and Dr. Johnson will look into the language of our policies.

-Contract for Science Teacher: Moved that the Board of Education offer a contract of employment to T J O'Connor as a Science teacher beginning with the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. TJ currently serves as our Head Boys Basketball coach and is coming to us from Arlington after an eleven year career there. They couldn't say enough good about him. He will fit in well here.

-Consideration Of Adoption Of A Resolution Authorizing The Creation Of The Fort Calhoun Educational Facilities Leasing Corporation And Authorizing The District To Enter Into One Or More Lease Purchase Agreements With Said Corporation For The Purpose Of Leasing Certain Educational Facilities And Equipment From The Corporation: Moved that the board of education pass a resolution for Consideration of adoption of a resolution authorizing the creation of the Fort Calhoun Educational Facilities Leasing Corporation and authorizing the District to enter into one or more lease purchase agreements with said Corporation in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,060,000, for the purpose of leasing certain educational facilities and equipment from the Corporation passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Mike Conrad. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Dr Johnson presented information to support this action which included over \$2 million in option enrollment monies; LB974 being very unlikely to pass and our contracts and this resolution has been interpreted as Fort Calhoun being grandfathered even if it does; low interest rates; and moving up the completion date to have all construction done by the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. Since passed, officers of the corporation made through the resolution will need to be elected at a meeting following this board meeting. With the completion date moved up, Amanda Schrum suggested getting the preschool

information and applications for 2021-22 out much earlier as people have not been applying since there has been no room in recent years. With 2 preschool classrooms, we need to have everyone who is interested able to attend. This lease purchase contract has a repayment schedule of 7 years.

-Board Member Reports: Amanda Schrum reported on the PFE dance for the boys and thanked all involved for the good work to get it cleaned, decorated and ready to go. Mike Bonacci said we had a good finish to our Winter sports, glad to have Conference Honor Band here and urged all to sign up to participate in the Variety Show. Kim Lukasiewicz also commented on the Conference Honor Band and reiterated congratulations to the new administrators and said they are a “good team”. Mike Conrad also offered congratulations to the new administrators and urged board members to attend prom as it is fun to see the kids and its always a good time.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Green—New teachers attended mental health training ; our Environmental Studies students went on a field trip to Veramaris which produces supplements for animal nutrition utilizing natural marine algae, and the Art Club went to the Scholastic Art Exhibit and Joslyn Museum; the Conference Honor Band was hosted by Fort Calhoun; a history of Parent-Teacher Conferences attendance over the last 6 years; and upcoming events. Our conference attendance is largely based on the transparency we have with our Powerschool student information.

Mr. Wagner: Communication about the upcoming construction and getting everyone involved with the plan in place; Donuts with Dad, the Book Fair, still taking applications for a Special Education teacher, working on the Social Studies curriculum adoption, and Parent Teacher Conferences; Receiving a donation from the family of Chad Nourse to introduce coding and drones into the program as this was his profession; having a portion of the upcoming inservice starting at the Washington County Museum to familiarize them with what it has to offer; professional development and upcoming events. He also reported on the upcoming Cogna visit, having an evaluator and now bringing the group together to put the final artifacts together for review engagement team.

Mr. Wemhoff: Spring sports beginning; NSIAAA awards luncheon, and hosting the Conference Honor Band which rotates among schools about every 10 years and a shout out to Mr. Jones and Teri McKennan for their hard work and great job in getting this together, and Ken Moltzer did a great job as the clinician; changing our activity program to combine Cheer and Dance to give more students the chance to participate and continue that both activities stay strong and good and to grow our numbers; student athlete awards for basketball and Eli Olberding being a state champ in wrestling; and upcoming events including baseball, Prom, track, State Skills, Jr High and Sr High track, and the upcoming Band Variety Show.

-Superintendent Report: Fences and the construction trailer will arrive 3/16 and we are working on ground preparation and moving the playground. Mr. Wagner has done a great job of communication with parents and staff as we go through this process. Our SRO was included in the CrisisGo training along with the Safety Team and will need to attend training with all our administrators to be in compliance with the State’s SRO procedures. There are five candidates for three openings for school board on the ballot. Information on Coronavirus was sent to families via our message center and we are in constant contact and working with 3 Rivers Health Department in developing a pandemic plan for the District and will work with the Education/American Civics Committee to review the plan and get it in place in case we need it. Being proactive, we are stepping up our cleaning plans and meeting with our custodians and cleaning contractors to convey our goals. As more information is received and any other action needs to be taken, the board will be included in any further plans. The State has moved the date to certify our dollars to May 1st. There have been about 85 RSVP’s for our Kids in the 21st Century seminar, but may increase with further attendees or experience a drop off as some large events are seeing. Be assured we are keeping ahead of all information and will keep everyone

informed.

Jon Genoways gave an update on his conversations with landowners about procuring land for additional parking and when moving the house, using it as building curriculum during the restoration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.