Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, April 13, 2020 7:00 PM Secondary Media Lab, and telecast through ZOOM

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- -Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 2 administrators and 1 visitor present.
- -Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: President Genoways
- -Excused Absences: Mike Conrad was absent.
- -Roll Call: Mike Bonacci: Present, Mike Conrad: Absent, Jon Genoways: Present, Kim Lukasiewicz: Present, Amanda Schrum: Present, Kelli Shaner: Present
- -Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented 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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- -Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- -Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for April be approved in the amount of \$96,282.63 from the General Fund, and \$51,637.82 from Savings & Depreciation passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion about payments for our Special Education tuition, items in the Savings and Depreciation, and a payment from the Revolving Fund.
- -Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- -Standing Committee Reports: Finance & Technology---The committee agreed to hold off on additional expenses until state aid is certified and go from there to prioritize items including the gym project, elementary intercom, holding off on the camera system, and going ahead with furnishings for the four new classrooms. Permission to move forward to reconfigure elementary room numbers, PLC ramp, and contacting the installer of the drain in the high school parking lot to remedy the situation were also given the go-ahead. Purchasing a new SPED van will wait until the 2020-21 budget is built, personnel raises will again be geared toward comparisons through our negotiations software, and doing more research before purchasing the house adjacent to the school to establish a clearer picture of finances.
- -Resolution for Graduation Requirements: Moved that the board of education approve the Resolution for Graduation Requirements written by our legal team as presented passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Dr. Johnson said this resolution allows us to change requirements if necessary, with recommendations on how to handle graduation and other requirements of law. 3rd quarter grades will stand, but students will have opportunity to raise grades if the enrichment they do warrants it.

  -Hiring of Staff

Assistant Principal/Athletic-Activities Director: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Andrew Christensen as the Assistant Principal/Athletic-Activities Director beginning with the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. His contract will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion about administrators having to live in the district. Mr. Christensen and his family have purchased a house in district. Dr. Johnson will review our policies and practices regarding this.

Sixth Grade Teacher: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Max Smith for the Sixth Grade position passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Mr. Wagner gave information about Mr. Smith and that he comes with great references. He has enthusiasm and passion and will also bring coaching endorsements. There's "a lot of positive" about him.

Jr-Sr High School Physical Education/Head Football/Strength and Conditioning: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Adolph Shepardson as Jr- Sr High Physical Education, with extra

duties being Head Football and Strength and Conditioning beginning with the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea: He will also begin before 2020-21. Everything we were looking for he had, will do a fantastic job for us and is a past Coach of the Year in South Dakota. All references say he built great relationships with students and athletes and will bring a lot to the classroom. He has already started the process to get a Nebraska certificate.

-Board Member Reports: Shaner commended the administration for their work these past weeks, doing a good job handling everything and giving reassurance. Bonacci thanked the administration for the teacher parade as a positive step. Lukasiewicz echoed both sentiments and expressed her pride in our community for pulling together and helping each other. "Our community is strong." Schrum said this has been hard on smaller kids and the parade was great for them, as are the ZOOM meetings being done throughout the elementary school, and commented how nice the new signs on the doors to the education wing look. She also wanted it said in open and with people joining on ZOOM, that no bikes, strollers or motorized vehicles are allowed on the new track surface as there has been some.

## -Administrator Reports

Mr. Green: Named the recipients of the Pnnacle Bank Midland University High School Leaders-Brant Hilzendeger and Kaitlyn Smith; Prom and royalty are Grant Hansen, and Kennedy Bradburn and Harry Schmitt and Ellie Lienemann. Post prom prizes and gifts were handed out. Student locker and teacher room clean up was held; enrichment activities are ongoing and explained the focus the teachers have including feedback and parents being able to track the activities and to continue to make contact and connections. Graduation discussions are underway with lots of unknowns. Some ideas include a "town" parade, virtual ceremonies, delaying it until summer, and mailing diplomas. Discussion included the number of people and large crowds, how to handle these numbers inside any building, but stressing that the "regular" will not happen. Suggestions included speeches and awards being video recorded. The attorneys, city, law enforcement, and our local health organization have been in on these discussions and the administration is working on all this. On another note, our Junior High English teacher has taken another position so we will be advertising for that.

Mr. Wagner: Reported on the construction for the new building, and letters to families updating them on the progress; how the elementary is handling the various needs of students and parents and how to fit these activities into the Covid restrictions including a staff parade and different types of communications being used for information and getting activities to students; hiring new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and SPED opening; still planning to adopt the Social Studies program for next school year; preschool refunds; professional development and a possible date for Kindergarten Roundup in July. The Cognia review has been postponed until further notice. There are plans to close the elementary playground.

Mr. Wemhoff: Gave an overview of the new PE-Football teacher; working on athletic schedules for 2020-21 and introducing Mr. Christensen to the process so he will know it for future scheduling; summer schedules are up in the air depending on what happens; participating in a Beacon of Light for our seniors by turning on the field lights; the Booster Club has approved monies for all sports to purchase items on their needs/wants list totaling over \$10,500; and beginning the transition to principal, asking a lot of questions and learning as much as possible.

-Superintendent Report: One good thing at the elementary is that construction is moving "fast forward", playgrounds and green space are being planned, and acquiring equipment and furnishings has begun; our SRO will be coming to discuss the position, his role in classrooms and on the Safety Committee; the administrative team is doing a super job and are meeting almost daily to determine what are the next steps for our kids; we are still providing student lunches with steady numbers and have found out that all meals will be reimbursed through the School Lunch program; and the food bank has served many families and the community really stepped up to help our struggling families. As of right now everything else is off the table but Covid-19. Kudos to our staff and teachers in what they're doing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no need for an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, and no comments or questions from those attending through ZOOM, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.