Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026 7:00 PM Central

HS CONFERENCE ROOM
705 N 9th Street
Arlington, NE 68002

1. OPENING PROCEDURES
1.1. Call Meeting to Order
Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:14pm
Technology issues caused a delay in starting
1.2. Roll Call
Jason Arp: Present, Cassie Flesner, Present, Chase Kratochvil, Present: Brian Laaker, Present: Steve Slykhuis, Present: Shanon Willmott, Present
1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda
Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Steve Slykhuis and a second by Cassie Flesner.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM
3. CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Steve Slykhuis.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)
3.2. Monthly Financial Reports
3.3.
Resignations:
Hires: Kylie Shada, PT 6th Grade S1
Reassignments:
4. PRINCIPALS REPORTS
4.1. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report
4.2. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report
4.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report
5. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
Dr. Lewis went over the NRCSA Updates, and encouraged the board members to attend the area membership meeting in Sept.
Dr. Lewis also informed the board about her commissioner's advisory group, that she had been asked to stay on the board and will be remaining on that board for the next 4 years.
She was also elected as Vice Chair of the NCSA board, so she will have some meetings to attend again this year, and will keep the board updated on her absences as needed or if needed.

The board will need to discuss a "Vote YES" committee if the bond vote passes in tonight meetings and the board will need to form a committee at a later date.

5.1. NASB and NRCSA Updates
5.2. Area Membership Meeting in Sept
5.3. State Committees for 26-27

- Commissioner asked for me to remain an additional year on the advisory council due to turnover of other members
- NCSA V. Chair

5.4. "Vote Yes" Committee Conversation
6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
6.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee
Buildings and grounds meet a couple of times in August in preparation for tonight's meeting. They decided to discuss the items that did not pertain the bond issue, and went over the summative needs list that was brought to the committee over the summer, work has been done that was presented as needed. The committee also informed the board of the new purchase for athletics, a turf painter for the fields and painting. It will save the district time and money. The committee also discussed they met about the potential building project, and will discuss further in the meeting later on with the bond action item.
6.2. Finance Committee
The finance committee met earlier this evening and discussed our 26-27 budget and levy. The committee agreed that we needed to make sure we are utilizing our full budget authority for this year so we don't lose it for the following year. The main increases are in negotiated salaries and increases in benefit costs. Many of the increases in costs are due to changes and needs that are for the 26-27 year. Finalized budget will be later in August when property valuations become available. The finance committee felt confident and are pleased with the information presented at this time.
7. NEW BUSINESS
7.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Move 2025-2026 Budgeted General Funds to Depreciation as Discussed:

- $30,000 from Facilities to Depreciation for Lights Project
- $65,800 from Instructional Technology for iPads as approved in June 2026

Motion to Move 2025-2026 Budgeted General Funds to Depreciation as Discussed: $30,000 from Facilities to Depreciation for Lights Project $65,800 from Instructional Technology for iPads as approved in June 2026 Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Chase Kratochvil.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
7.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Transfer 2025-2026 Budgeted Funds as Follows:
Activities Fund (athletics): $34,254 (or less based on balance on August 30)
School Nutrition Fund: $10,000
Motion to Transfer 2025-2026 Budgeted Funds as Follows: Activities Fund (athletics): $34,254 (or less based on balance on August 30) School Nutrition Fund: $10,000 Passed with a motion by Steve Slykhuis and a second by Cassie Flesner.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

7.3. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve 2026-2027 Contract with Roots To Wings for Special Education Services
Motion to Approve 2026-2027 Contract with Roots To Wings for Special Education Services Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
Roots to Wings provides special services for special education students. This is an annual contract for these students.

7.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Contract with Therapy Works for Speech Language Pathology Substitute
Motion to Contract with Therapy Works for Speech Language Pathology Substitute Passed with

a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Steve Slykhuis.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
This contract is needed for a long-term speech pathologist for this school year due to maternity leave of our speech pathologist.
7.5. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Engagement with Dana F. Cole & Company for 2025-2026 Audit
Motion to Approve Engagement with Dana F. Cole & Company for 2025-2026 Audit Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Jason Arp.
Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
This is the paperwork for the audit for the 25-26 school year, and the paperwork that is needed to engage again with the firm for the next audit.
7.6. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary action to Adopt a Resolution Calling for an Election for the Purposes of Funding Additions and Renovations to the Existing School Building
Motion to Adopt a Resolution Calling for an Election for the Purposes of Funding Additions and Renovations to the Existing School Building as Presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.
Chase Kratochvil: Nay, Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea
The buildings and ground committee gave an update on the proposal for the renovations and an addition that is up for bond proposal for this project. The committee met with DLR and went over the data survey and the responses that they received, then discussed the information and how to utilize it for the project. The committee identified the strengths of the project and how the public and data were revealed through the survey. They also discussed concerns that had been brought up, and what the community felt was important to be made known. The committee felt that the information presented was not hindering us from growth in the future, and that they were keeping things in mind with all the data provided.
Due to some concerns that had arisen in the data, the committee decided to remove some of the project pricing on the athletic entrance, bringing the total cost down on the project. The board members were able to ask questions, and talk about the project as a whole and the total uses of the spaces being proposed.
The resolution to call for a bond election has been updated and as kept current as data has come in, the committee will still continue to get information out to the public and ask for them to continue to give feedback on the project to keep collecting the data up to election time.

The board as a whole had a lengthy conversation and discussion about all the factors and issues that could come into play with the decision made. The committee feels it is time to let the public decide and give them the chance to vote on the bond project as a whole with all the proposed renovation and addition.

8. ADJOURNMENT
Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm

Chase Kratochvil, Board President

Dawn Lewis, Board Secretary

Date

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