

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026 7:30 PM

Boone Central High School Art Room
605 South 6th St.
Albion, NE 68620

1. Open the Meeting, Recognition of Open Meetings Law and Publication of Meeting

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance. The Open Meetings Act was available for review.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda and Minutes

4. Welcome Guests

5. Bill Roster and Financial Reports

Motion to approve the bills, and to authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks as presented. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Reports

6.1. Boone Central Recognitions

Knott- Congratulations to the entire Boone Central Speech team, Mr Sup, Andy Devine, Aaron Wyatt and Curtis Luettel on their successes so far in 2026. Also, shout out to Mr Perone, volunteers, coaches and custodial crew on all the work they've done with events hosted at Boone Central so far this year.

Roberts- Winter sports and activities sponsors. This is known as angry adult season and I have not heard any complaints. Coaches and admin are doing a nice job handling things.

Frey- I wanted to say thank you to Andy Zoucha (Zoucha Haygrinding) for chipping in on the last beef delivered from Malanders Feedyard LLC and the Albion Locker for helping out with the processing. Also wanted to give a shout-out to all that helped with the busy wrestling weekend Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Mr. Perone all the staff and volunteers that helped out.

Stuhr- Janitorial staff and all the volunteers who have helped with all the events run smoothly. It takes a small army, there have been a lot of people in and out of the building, Thanks to everyone who has pitched in.

Fogleman- I would like to recognize Mrs. Gaunt, Mrs. Molt and BCHC for their efforts on the CNA classes. I see they are doing an accelerated class this summer and appreciate them stepping up to do this in the summer. This is definitely something that is needed in our area and gives the students a great head start for their future careers.

Rolf- I want to say thank you to the drivers for taking the kids everywhere for the winter sports season, I appreciate everything they do.

Look- As we come off School Board Appreciation Month and the recognition week January 25-31, I would like to extend our gratitude to our Board of Education for your dedicated service and leadership. Your commitment to students, staff, and the community plays a critical role in the continued success and growth of our district. We are grateful for the time, care, and thoughtful decision-making you bring to this important work. I would also like to recognize Mr. Perone and the team of people who helped make the Mid-States Conference basketball tournament a success! His attention to detail, organization, and commitment to providing a positive experience for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and fans was evident throughout the event. His efforts showcased our school and conference in a first-class manner. Thank you, Jon, for your work on this and all the events to run!

Larsen- I would like to recognize our Kitchen Staff for the work they do in their positions to support our students, families, and staff each day. They provide healthy menu options at breakfast and lunch as well as stock the vending machines with healthy snacks for students throughout the day. They work within all of the schedules and are flexible to make these meals possible. Behind the scenes, it takes a lot of logistical planning to make each day run smoothly. I appreciate their thoughtfulness, work ethic, and creativity doing what they do providing nutritional options each school day. Mr. Perone has orchestrated the many moving parts to host MidState Conference events over the past month between wrestling, speech, and basketball. There are a lot of things that must get right behind the scenes for these events to go off without a hitch. Mr. Perone handles all of that in addition to the normal responsibilities of his position. Mr. Perone has done a good job of ensuring everything runs as smooth as possible. Thank you for all your efforts, Mr. Perone!

Curry- Mrs. Shannon Nelson for her leadership in getting the Middle School to participate in our One School, One Book challenge as we read Bridge to Terabithia. Additionally, she serves as our Student Council Sponsor. You may have seen her at JH games running the concessions with Middle School help! She is patient and caring, which are two great qualities when working with middle school students. Student Council is going to sell Candygrams at conferences as a fundraiser to help offset some costs for a spring dance and other things they want to do for our middle school.

Kayton- I want to recognize Ms. Hellbusch, Mrs. Koch, and Mrs. Bounds for all the incredible work they've done for One School, One Book this year! We kicked off The Mouse and the Motorcycle across the entire elementary, and these ladies planned it all—from weekly classroom

activities to trivia and fun ways to engage students throughout the book. Thank you for your time, creativity, and dedication to making reading a shared and exciting experience for our school!

Perone- Hosting three wrestling tournaments and being the Midstate Conference President has been a huge undertaking. I appreciate all the work of all the people involved, we could never do it all without them. Many have chipped in and it is greatly appreciated. Kudos to the crowd at the Basketball game, it was a great atmosphere.

6.2. Continuous School Improvement

The team met this month to update data as we are 3.5 years into our 5 year cycle. We placed a large emphasis on updating our SIP webpage that can be found on our school website.

6.3. Board Reports

Facilities Committee will meet to compile a list of upcoming short and long-term projects. A few items that will be discussed are the cooling tower, auxiliary PA gym door locks, fire alarm and room numbers. Wrestling mats are another large purchase item to consider, as ours are showing a lot of wear and tear.

6.4. Superintendent Report

Look - We are currently 5.9% under budget. Todd Strom will speak on climate and culture to all staff next fall. Reminder, board elections are open until February 17th. The wrestling room compressor will be investigated to find the source of the problem. The boiler regulator will be replaced. An update on the legislative session was discussed. The annual report has been updated and will be placed on the website. Will be interviewing four candidates for the Head Custodian/Co-Maintenance position. The next strategic planning meeting will take place next month Monday, March 30th at 5:30pm and will focus on data. Priorities will be set for the district to work on in the upcoming years. One additional meeting will take place to finalize the strategic plan in order to have it ready for the next fiscal year. We are working through a Rule 10 audit, final walkthrough will be later this month.

6.5. Principal & AD Reports

Larsen- HS PE/Strength & Conditioning position, interviewed 3 Candidates. Ty Heimes accepted the offer for the position, he is excited to get back to the area (graduated from Battle Creek) to teach and coach. Spoke with Rylee Siem - Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, regarding mock interviews for Juniors in April in conjunction with our Career Academy C Showcase. Area businesses will participate (Albion area first, then branch out with asking Columbus businesses). March - LB 399 Second Meeting, does not need hear public testimony; Committee Meeting, can be briefly prior to the March Board Meeting. Include committee members, social studies teachers (if requested), Mr. Look, and principals. P/T Conferences on Wednesday this week. Will have a breakdown of attendance next month.

Kayton- Preschool Applications open on Thursday, February 12th. P/T Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday. Our elementary staff will begin our day packing backpacks for Blessings In A Backpack and then move on to conferences. One School One Book- The Mouse and the Motorcycle. Every family received a copy of the book. Our goal is to bring families together to read, discuss, and engage with the story—building a love of reading across our school

community.

Perone - The wrestling tournament location has been adjusted. Bowling has wrapped up. Two girl wrestlers qualified for State. Boys district wrestling is coming up.

7. Discussion of Action Agenda Items

9.1 Wage schedule review. Finance committee and Superintendent set an overall wage increase 3% across the board.

9.2 Admin contract recommendations discussed

9.3 Ty Heimes will be the new High School PE/Strength and Conditioning Teacher next year

9.4 Annual purchase of 175 Chromebooks for 4th, 7th and 10th grade rotation to be paid out of multiple accounts

9.5 Annual renewal with NASB \$5,010

9.6 Interest rate review has been completed with all banks

8. Public Comment

9. Action Items

9.1. 2026-27 Non-Certified Staff Negotiation Recommendations

Motion to approve the 2026-27 Non-Certified Staff Negotiation Recommendations as presented. This motion, made by Ben Stuhr and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.2. 2026-27 Administrative Negotiation Recommendations

Motion to approve the 2026-27 Administrative Negotiation Recommendations as presented. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.3. 2026-27 Certified Contract(s)

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Certified Staff Contract for Ty Heimes as presented. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Ben Stuhr, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.4. Technology Purchase: Chromebooks

Motion to approve the purchase of 175 Chromebooks and licenses from Computer Hardware, Inc. for \$59,937.50. This motion, made by Kathleen Rolf and seconded by Karrie Fogleman, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.5. 2026-27 NASB Membership

Motion to approve the 2026-27 NASB Membership. This motion, made by Ed Knott and

seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf:
Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.6. District Fund Depository

No action taken

10. Next Meeting Date

Monday, March 16th at 7:30pm

11. Questions by the Media

12. Adjournment

Adjourned 8:17 pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent