

Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 7:00 PM

Board Meeting Room, Silver Lake Elementary
615 North Webster
Bladen, Nebraska 68928

1. Opening the Meeting

President Lutkemeier opened the meeting at 7 pm. The meeting notice was advertised in the June 26th publication of the Webster County Sun. "The Open Meetings Act" updated poster was displayed in the meeting room.

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. District Mission Statement

1.4. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

1.5. Publication of the Meeting

1.6. Board Member Roll Call

1.7. Excuse Absent Board Members

Excuse Eric Parr from tonight's meeting passed with a motion by Alan Bonifas and a second by Brian Karr.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Brant Karr and a second by Daren Niemeyer.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

3. Celebration of Excellence

4. Public Comment

Public comment time was not used by anyone in attendance.

5. Information Items

5.1. Superintendent

1. Budget is going to be different again this year. I am working through the changes and plan to continue to maximize our budget authority while thriving to keep our tax request as low as we can in doing so. Please be patient, I assure you I will make sure that we maximize our situation.

2. No discussion on joint public hearing meetings yet, we will try to meet in late July with anyone who potentially could be involved. I am not far enough along to know if we will be involved or not, but there is definitely a chance.
3. Attended the Alicap training.
4. Will be attending the budget and finance workshop and training.
5. Thoughts on just tying the budget workshop into our August monthly meeting? One night vs. two? I think I could get the budget and tax request portion of the meeting down to about 20-30 minutes.
6. Working with Square deal on the elementary gym doors and Luis Galvedon will be getting me a quote to do the install.

5.2. Elementary Principal

Mr. Drake reported on:

Upcoming Events:

Webster County Fair Fashion and Talent Show - July 21st

Jump Start/PreK Summer School - July 28-August 8

Teacher In-Service - August 11-13

First Day of School - August 14

Information:

The Student Handbook has been converted to the KSB version.

Cleaning has been completed. A few general maintenance items to finish up.

PD/Meetings:

June 23-25: Administrator Days

Staffing:

Enrollment is very fluid right now. I may look for a para once school starts based off of our needs.

5.3. Secondary Principal

Mr. Jones reported :

Professional Development / Meetings

July 22nd-23rd - Coaches Clinic

July 23rd-25th - Admin Days

July 23rd - NCSA Meeting

July 28th - Turf Tank Training
July 29th - JAG Meetings
August 4th - Yearly Bus Drivers Meeting
August 6th - TVC Fall Meetings
August 8th - New Staff Orientation
August 11th-13th - Teacher In-Service

JH/HS Academics

August 4th - Drop and Add Classes
August 5th - Drop and Add Classes
August 5th - Back 2 School Night
August 7th - Drop and Add Classes
August 11th - Staff Reports
August 14th - Students Start School

Other:

June 3rd-6th and June 9th-10th,
12th-13th - JH/HS Summer School

6 Students Attended

JH/HS Sports / Activities

June 25th-July 6th - Gyms Floors
June 27th - Sports Physicals
August 4th-7th - Fall Sports Conditioning
August 11th - Start of Fall Sports Practices
August 22nd - FB Scrimmage
August 22nd - VB Scrimmage
August 28th - VB vs McCool Junction - VB Parents Night

August 28th - FB @ Shelton
August 28th - XC @ Hastings High Invite

Other:

June 13th - TVC All-Star VB Game - Emma Schmidt

June 14th - TVC All-Star BB Games - Girls - Emma Schmidt, Katy Soucek
Boys - Casey Conway, Lane Conway

Other:

General summer repairs and cleaning are being completed
Testing Information - October
Handbook Changes

6. Consent Agenda

Approve the consent agenda items as presented passed with a motion by Ryan Sorensen and a second by Brian Karr.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

6.1. Minutes

6.2. Bills/Transfers/Treasurer's Report

6.3. Acceptance/Emergency Modifications of the Agenda

7. Action Items

7.1. NRCSA Membership - \$850

We receive yearly renewal notices for statewide associations. Our Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Membership Dues are \$850 (Same price since 21-22). NRCSA provides a great deal of services for our district. Last year NRCSA had 224 member schools representing over 88,000 students across 91 counties and 26 legislative districts throughout Nebraska.

Attached you will find a list of the Membership benefits.

Approve membership to NRCSA in the amount of \$850 passed with a motion by Daren Niemeyer and a second by Alan Bonifas.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.2. KSB Policy Update 5002 - Admission of Students

Simplified policy to meet our needs without going into as much detail.

Approve updates to policy 5002 as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Jocelyn Serna and a second by Leon Lutkemeier.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.3. KSB Policy Update 5003 - Admission of part time students

LB 306 added a new enrollment requirement. Updates to this policy were made and are consistent with our process. This policy aligns with the statute and letter of the law.

Approve updates to policy 5003 as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Brant Karr and a second by Daren Niemeyer.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.4. 2025-26 Student Handbook - Silver Lake Public School

See attached student handbook changes.

Approve the student handbook for the 2025-26 school year as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Brian Karr and a second by Adam Klein.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.5. 2025-26 Teacher Handbook - Silver Lake Public School

See attached updates to the Teacher Handbook.

Approve the 2025-26 Teacher handbook as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Alan Bonifas and a second by Ryan Sorensen.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.6. 2025-26 Classified Staff Handbook - Silver Lake Public School

See attached Classified Staff Handbook.

Approve the 2025-26 Classified staff handbook as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Brant Karr and a second by Alan Bonifas.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.7. 3 door refrigerator - Bladen (storm damage) \$7,650

Alicap is working with me on the refrigerator. We can order a replacement and be out the \$2,500 deductible. Sysco had the best bid at \$7,650.

Behmans have tracked down a motherboard for the damaged refrigerator and will plan to repair. Purchase the refrigerator from Sysco in the amount of \$7,650 passed with a motion by Daren Niemeyer and a second by Alan Bonifas.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

8. Discussion/Information Items

8.1. Turf for the grass area of the playground in Bladen

I need our board members to give us a budget to try to hit with this portion of the elementary project. I do believe we can use special building funds on the turf, however the first bid that we received was \$75,000 for new + install.

Ideally, we would pay someone to do it and ensure it was installed properly.

If Drake & Bauer LLC is installing the turf, I think it would make sense to at minimum buy new turf vs. used, as it doesn't seem appropriate to have two amateurs working with turf that may already have some issues.

Just need some guidance on what you would like to see here. I would love to have turf down in this area - I think "play" for kids is a vital portion of learning at the elementary level and the re-seeding and overseeing of grass in this area will simply never hold up due to the volume of traffic.

9. Future Agenda Items

The next regular board of education meeting is set for Thursday, August 14th, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the high school in Roseland. The budget and finance workshop will be held in conjunction with the monthly meeting.

10. Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. passed with a motion by Leon Lutkemeier and a second by

Adam Klein.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea,
Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea