

Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 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 7:00 pm. The meeting notice was advertised in the April 2nd publication of the Webster County Sun. "The Open Meetings Act" 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 Jocelyn Serna 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, Eric Parr: 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, Eric Parr: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

3. Celebration of Excellence

4. Public Comment

Guests in attendance were: Shaun Fisher, Jennifer Karr, Brittany McMahon, and Shannon Lovin. Public comment was not utilized.

5. Information Items

5.1. Superintendent

Mr. Bauer reported

1. Met with Todd Burgess last week to get the ball rolling on the propane tank by the bus barn site. Separate inspectors from the bus barn itself (different process).

2. We are officially moved into the new bus barn.
3. Mr. Drake and myself will get through the old bus barn in the next week or so and get anything out of it that we wish to keep.
4. Working through grant applications and reimbursements this month and next.
5. Friday will be day #60 of the Legislative session. I will provide a brief update. More to come after we figure out what the timelines and impacts "truly" are.
6. Looking for some golf scorers for May 7th if anyone is interested.
7. Asked board members if anyone is interested in helping hand out diplomas during graduation
Also gave a brief legislative update.

5.2. Elementary Principal Mr. Drake Reported:

Enrollment: As of April 13th, 2026

PreK-6: 133

PreK: 25

K: 19

1st: 7

2nd: 16

3rd: 14

4th: 13

5th: 23

6th: 16

Completed Events:

March 20th - 5th/6th Grade to Henry Doorly Zoo

April 1st - 1st/2nd Grade Field Trip

April 3-6 - No School

April 13th - Kindergarten Transition Day

Upcoming Events:

April 17th - 4th Grade Field Trip

April 21,29,30 - Elementary Testing Dates

May 4th - 3rd Grade Field Trip

May 4-8 - DIBELS Screening (for all you 3rd-grade reading proficiency experts)

May 14th - Spring Concert

May 20th - Elementary Honors/6th Grade Promotion

May 20th - Elementary Field Day

May 21st - Last Day for Students

Informational:

Precision Signs and Graphics is working up a design for the elementary entry

Bid for a loft in the bus barn - hopefully takes care of most of our storage issues.

The math curriculum is already arriving

5.3. Secondary Principal
Mr. Jones Reported:

Professional Development / Meetings

March 23rd - TVC Executive Meeting
April 2nd - Teacher In-Service
April 22nd - TVC Executive Meeting
May 22nd - Staff In-Service

JH/HS Academic

March 24th - Junior ACT
March 24th - Sophomore Business Tours
March 31st - NSCAS Testing - Sci (JH)
April 1st - NSCAS Testing - Sci (JH)
April 8th - NSCAS Testing - Math (JH)
April 9th - NSCAS Testing - Math (JH)
April 9th - County Government Day - Seniors
April 10th - NSCAS Testing - Math (JH)
April 11th - National ACT
April 14th - Senior Trip
April 22nd - NSCAS Testing - ELA (JH)
April 23rd - NSCAS Testing - ELA (JH)
April 24th - NSCAS Testing - ELA (JH)
April 27th - NSCAS Make Up Testing (JH)
May 5th - Honors Night
May 6th - 7th Grade Orientation
May 8th - 2nd Semester AR Party
May 8th - Graduation Practice
May 9th - Graduation
May 18th-19th - Semester Final

JH/HS Sports / Activity

March 23rd - TVC Honor Band/Chorus
March 24th - HS Science Fair @ UNK
March 25th-27th - FFA @ State
March 26th - JAG @ Legislative Days
March 27th - HS Track @ Wil-Hil
March 28th - Speech @ State (Kearney)
March 30th - Winter Sports Banquet
March 30th - JH Science Fair @ NPCC
March 31st - HS Golf @ Dual vs Kenesaw
March 31st - HS Track @ Kenesaw Invite
April 1st - HS Quiz Bowl @ TVC Invite
April 7th - HS Track @ Franklin
April 7th - HS Golf @ RC Quad
April 8th - HOSA @ UNMC
April 9th - JH Track @ Kenesaw Invite

April 10th - Prom
April 13th - FFA Officer Interviews
April 13th - Winter Sports Banquet
April 14th - JH Track @ L/N
April 16th - HS Golf @ RC Invite
April 16th - HS Track @ Shelton Invite
April 16th-18th - FBLA @ SLC
April 20th - FFA Banquet
April 21st - HS Golf @ SC Invite
April 21st - HS Track @ BH Invite
April 21st - JH Track @ Franklin Invite
April 22nd - Music @ Districts
April 24th - JV Golf @ Franklin Invite
April 27th - Journalism @ State
April 28th - HS Golf @ RC Invite
April 28th - JH Track @ Wil-Hil Invite
April 29th - FBLA Blood Drive
April 30th - JH Musical School Performance
April 30th - 7-12 Spring Concert / JH Musical
May 2nd - JH/HS Track @ TVC Invite (Shelton)
May 4th - HS Golf vs RC
May 5th - JH Track @ Shelton Invite
May 6th - Sports Physicals
May 7th - HS Golf @ TVC Invite (Elks)
May 7th - HS Track @ L/N Invite

Other

Graduation Help
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
26-27 Scheduling
Summer School
Summer Custodial Help
JH Musical / 7-12 Spring Concert
JAG Presentation

He also confessed, while sponsoring the Senior trip to the Drop Zone in Kearney, he lost at golf.

6. Consent Agenda

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

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: 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. Approval of the Silver Lake Graduates - Class of 2026

To approve for graduation those Seniors who have met the graduation requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Board of Education and Nebraska Department of Education 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, Eric Parr: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.2. Title I District Representative

Each year the Silver Lake Board of Education needs to appoint a Title 1 representative. This is our point of contact on federal grant applications, audits and all the things that can get a school in trouble if not completed.

If the Board President does not wish to take on the role, Mr. Bauer would be willing to serve in this capacity for another year.

To name Terry Bauer as the Silver Lake Public School authorized representative for all matters relating to Title 1 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, Eric Parr: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.3. Road millings south of the school Roseland (\$4,000) Special Building Fund

Expense \$4,000 from the Special Building fund to John Holmes for the asphalt work south of the school in Roseland. Fixed two potholes that have been a nuisance for a while.

Expense \$4,000 from the Special Building fund for road work south of the High School to John Holmes passed with a motion by Eric Parr and a second by Alan Bonifas.

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

7.4. Certificate of Deposits (General, Bond, Special Building)

All of our CD's with Pinnacle Bank were up last week.

Special Building Fund - \$259,473.53 (52 week) 3.6% APY

* The second Special Building CD was moved into savings.

General Fund - \$200,000 (26 week) 3.6% APY

* The rest of the CD + Interest accrued was moved back into General fund savings. We still need to pay back the Bond fund for the \$255,000 loan on December 31st, 2025.

Bond Fund - \$200,000 (52 week) 3.6%APY

* The rest of the bond fund CD + interest was moved into Bond fund savings. If interest rates go up we will invest in an additional CD utilizing bond funds. At this time, this is our best backup in the event that we need to borrow due to cash in bank issues with the General Fund.

* CDARS rates from Pinnacle Bank

Approve the investment in the following CDARS at 3.6% APY. \$259,473.53 from Special Building fund into a 52 week CD, \$200,000 From the General fund into a 26 week CD, \$200,000 from the Bond fund into a 52 week CD passed with a motion by Alan Bonifas and a second by

Eric Parr.

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

8. Discussion/Information Items

8.1. JAG presentation - Mr. Fisher

Mr. Fisher gave a JAG Presentation that included the events, internships, and guest speakers that had taken place in the program this school year.

8.2. Special Building Projects

Mr. Bauer handed the board members a form to complete for future goals/projects to improve the school. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be at 7 pm, Wednesday, May 13th, at the High School in Roseland. Discussion to include special building projects.

10. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm passed with a motion by Eric Parr and a second by Alan Bonifas.

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